

Minutes for the 1/19/10 Meeting of Human Rights Commission

Present: Val Ginn, Christine Andrews, Michael Munroe, Ken Freidenberg, Gary Byron, Tim Manke. Karen Faust, Theresa Claffey, Louisa Rickard, Phyllis DiCara

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM.

The first order of business was the **Election of Officers.**

Val Ginn was nominated and seconded for the office of President. Christine Andrews was nominated and seconded for the office of Vice-President. Michael Munroe was nominated and seconded for the office of Secretary. All were elected by unanimous vote.

The second order of business was **Newington's Got Talent Fund Raiser.**

The following topics were discussed:

NCTV: Scott from NCTV was at the meeting to talk about the logistics of televising the Fund Raiser. Scott stated that the number of volunteers available will determine what kind of televising they can do. Scott said that as of now he has a commitment from two volunteers and he will try and get at least two more volunteers. Scott said that a basic production would be with just one camera. A more involved production would involve two cameras - a wide shot and a tight shot. NCTV will provide the director - what you see on TV, HRC will be the producers - order of acts etc., a floor director is needed to insure the flow of the show - preferably an adult. It was reported that the HRC has access to two hand held microphones. Scott reported that NCTV has four hand held mics and he will check to see if they have others. How the hand held mics will merge with the auditorium mics was an issue that was raised. Karen Faust offered to see if students from NHS would be interested in helping out in the televising of the show. The HRC debated on having a live broadcast or a taped broadcast to be aired at a later date. It was agreed that since this was the first time that the HRC was doing a production of this magnitude it would be better to have the show taped for later airing. Scott said that a taped show could be edited and graphics included to make it a more coherent production. Scott also stated that he will try and have cameras at the auditions to see how they will work.

Production: Val said that the New Britain Repertory Theater offered the use of a glittery back drop for use in the show. The dimensions of the curtains in the Council Chambers will have to be measured to see if the back drop can be used. It was agreed that the HRC banner should be displayed prominently. Ken and Val agreed to check on the lighting for the show. Ken will give the opening speech. Tim Manke offered to get eight to ten Boy Scouts to help out in the production. Karen offered to be the scorekeeper for when the acts will be judged. Karen will check at NHS to see if anyone would be interested in being a stage coordinator. Two ticket takers will be needed. Three people to monitor other entrances to the Town hall will be needed. A curtain operator is needed. Everyone will help out in the clean up after the show. Personal cameras will be allowed during the show. No refunds, cell phones or pets will be allowed. A container will be put out on a table at the main entrance for additional monetary donations. Ken will make sure we have the table. A dry run of the show will be held on 2/16/10 for volunteers only. Val will reserve the Council Chambers for that day.

Sponsors: Val reported that the PAC gave a \$500 sponsorship and that The Brickhouse restaurant gave a \$250 sponsorship. Christine will add these sponsors names to the tickets and bookmarks. Four complimentary tickets will be given to the sponsors (two for each).

Advertising: Gary Byron and Ken Freidenberg made an appearance on NCTV's Talk of the Town show on 1/19/08. Gary said that he will also appear on the 2/16/08 Talk of the Town show to further promote the fundraiser. Val agreed to check to see if the fundraiser appears on the NCTV "scroll". An article about the fundraiser appeared in Newington Life. The Hartford Courant

and the Town Crier will also have information about the fundraiser in future editions. Val reported that the fundraiser information is now appearing on the large sign in the center of Newington and another sign will go up at the end of January.

Auditions: Karen distributed copies of the sign up/information form to HRC members. Karen offered to make copies of this form for the audition. It was agreed that the acts would perform on a first come first performing basis. Ken will make copies of the release forms for the audition. HRC members agreed to be at the audition sight at noon on 1/30/10. Auditions will be limited to 5 to 10 minutes per act. Mike, Christine, and Val reported that collectively they had received nine phone calls asking about the show.

Judging: Judging will be done by three Commission members. No score cards will be held up for the public to view. There will not be participant ribbons given to all of the acts.

Christine offered to email the Fundraiser outline to all HRC members.

It was agreed that the HRC would meet on **2/2, 2/9, 2/16 (rehearsal), and 2/23/10 (optional).**

There was no **Other Business.**

There was no **Public Participation.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Michael Munroe